



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services
Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held February 15, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services' recommendation to authorize the Chief Deputy Director to accept allocation of \$28,920 in Stewart B. McKinney Act funds, to provide emergency food to low-income families and individuals in all five Supervisorial Districts; and to obtain food from the Los Angeles Regional Foodbank and the Food Bank of Southern California, using Phase 23 Funding.

Cynthia D. Banks, Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services, and Bryce Yokimizo, Director of Public Social Services, addressed the Board.

Supervisor Burke made the following statement:

"The Department of Community and Senior Services (DCSS), in collaboration with the Federal and State governments, has successfully assisted families for over 20 years through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program. By effectively utilizing the County's community service centers and creating a large network of nonprofit organizations, last year DCSS distributed over 52,000 food baskets.

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“On June 15, 2004, in response to a UCLA report that highlighted the problems of poverty and hunger in the County of Los Angeles, this Board directed the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to establish an outreach plan aimed at increasing the enrollment of eligible participants in the Food Stamp Program. Subsequently, several areas of the County have seen sharp enrollment increases in the Food Stamp Program. In one area the enrollment by eligible participants increased by 35%. A report on the implementation of this outreach campaign is due back from DPSS in March 2005.

“Therefore, given the successful track record by the Department of Community and Senior Services in reaching families through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program; and the impending outreach plan from Department of Public Social Services to increase utilization of the Food Stamp Program, it would be prudent for Department of Public Social Services to increase coordination of its outreach campaign with the Department of Community and Senior Services.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Burke, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisor Antonovich being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Chief Deputy Director of Community and Senior Services' attached recommendations; and
2. Instructed the Director of Public Social Services to:
 - Coordinate its Food Stamp Outreach Campaign with the Department of Community and Senior Services' Emergency Food and Shelter Program for seamless and immediate referrals of eligible participants from one program to another; and
 - Include its coordination with the Emergency Food and Shelter Program in the final Food Stamp Outreach Plan due back to this Board in March 2005.

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Attachment

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